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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 895 - 903

and insert:

(6) (a) The department shall contract with an independent, nongovernmental entity for an economic, environmental, and policy study analyzing water-use fees in Florida. This analysis should be modeled after the 1991 study by Chase Securities entitled "Capitalizing a Water Resource Trust Fund with Water Use Fee Revenues: Feasibility and Effects," which analyzed



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11 possible implementation of Recommendation 18 of the report
12 entitled "Governor's Water Resource Commission Final Report,"
13 submitted to Governor Bob Martinez, December 1, 1989.

14 (b) The study must address the following:

15 1. Projected water usage in the state and potential
16 revenues from that usage, factoring in price elasticity and
17 possible credits;

18 2. Operating assumptions for a Water Resources Trust Fund,
19 including the mix of loans and grants, interest rates, leverage,
20 and capitalization requirements, and recommendations for
21 allocation of trust fund revenues;

22 3. Impact of various fee levels, by county, on residential
23 use, industry, and agriculture;

24 4. Pros and cons of applying fees universally or
25 selectively;

26 5. A review of water-conservation technologies in
27 agriculture and industry and how their deployment might be
28 affected by various fee levels;

29 6. How to ensure that low-income residents would not be
30 disadvantaged by water fees;

31 7. Recommendations on how pricing might vary by region or
32 type of usage;

33 8. Recommendations on how fees might be collected from
34 residential self-supply wells;

35 9. Recommendations on how to ensure universal water
36 metering; and

37 10. Metering and billing options.

38 (c) The study must be completed and made publicly available
39 by July 1, 2017.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 67 - 68

and insert:

requiring the department to contract with an independent, nongovernmental entity for an economic, environmental, and policy study analyzing water-use fees; requiring the study to include certain information; requiring that the study be completed and made publicly available by a specified date;